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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation
of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Joseph E. Plastaras,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (BRL)

SIPA LIQUIDATION

(Substantively Consolidated)

Adv. Pro. No. 10-04887 (BRL)

**DEFENDANT JOSEPH E. PLASTARS' JOINDER IN GERALD BLUMENTHAL'S
MOTION FOR MANDATORY WITHDRAWAL OF THE REFERENCE**

Joseph E. Plastaras, the Defendant in the above-captioned action, hereby joins in the Motion for Mandatory Withdrawal of the Reference, and all papers submitted therewith, filed by Gerald Blumenthal in *Picard v. Blumenthal*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-04582 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) [Dkt. Nos. 15-18]; *Picard v. Blumenthal*, No. 11-04293 (S.D.N.Y.) [Dkt. Nos. 1-3].

The Trustee's claims against Dr. Plastaras are almost identical to the Trustee's claims against Dr. Blumenthal. *See* Complaint (Exhibit 1). To avoid duplicative motion practice and briefing, Dr. Plastaras joins in Dr. Blumenthal's Motion for Mandatory Withdrawal of the Reference and all accompanying papers. On the same grounds described therein, Dr. Plastaras respectfully requests that the District Court enter an order granting mandatory withdrawal of the reference, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 157(d), of the above-captioned adversary proceeding.

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